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REF: A. SMITH/GLEYSTEEN TELCON FEB 5, 1975

B. TEL AVIV281

C. TEL AVIV 277

1. WE THINK RABIN GOVERNMENT'S STAYING POWER IN COMING PERIOD IS REASONABLY GOOD AND REMAINS BASICALLY AS DESCRIBED IN TEL AVIV 281. WE DO NOT THINK RECENT YARIV RESIGNATION AFFECTS THIS JUDGMENT, THOUGH IT UNDOUBTEDLY REQUIRED SOME REASSESSMENT BY RABIN OF EXTENT AND SOLIDITY OF HIS BACKING, A REASSESSMENT THAT COULD NOT BE ENTIRELY REASSURING.

2. IN REF, IT WAS NOTED THA RABIN'S ABILITY TO MANAGE HIS POLITICAL OPPOSITION, BOTH CURRENT AND PUTATIVE, DEPENDED ON NUMBER OF FACTORS; NEXT STAGE OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPT, PUBLIC PERCEPTION OF ISRAEL-US RELATIONS (INCLUDING HIS ABILITY TO WITHSTAND US "PRESSURE" WHEN VITAL ISRAELI INTERESTS ARE AFFECTED), PROSPECTS OF WAR AND PEACE, IDF RESPONSE TO TERRORISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS. WHILE ALL THESE FACTORS ARE STILL OPERATIVE, KEY ONE IS CLEARLY THE FIRST, I.E. HOW RABIN HANDLES NEXT STAGE NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPT. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE HAVE NO REASON TO CHANGE JUDGMENTS PRESENTED IN REF C. VELIOTES

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